यह खातमा करने को पावरलूम की तरफ जाए तो यह मुनासिब नहीं है । तो हम यह कोशिश कर रहे हैं, सभापति जी, कि पावरलूम डवलपमेंट कारपोरेशन की मीटिंग होने वाली है नेक्स्ट मंथ, उनके जो भी उद्देश्य हैं, उसको लेंगे और उसके बाद अगर उन लोगों का कुछ पावरलूम के लिए भी मदद चाहते हैं तो हम सोचेंगे कि हैंडलूम का लोस न हो, मिल का लोस न हो और उसकी तरक्की के लिए क्या मदद दे सकते हैं, हम कोशिश करेंगे ।

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीया : माननीय सभापति जी, यह जो राज्य हथकरघा और विद्युत करघा विकास का है, उसकी केंद्र सरकार की ओर से बराबर उपेक्षा की जाती है और पिछले वर्ष आंध्र प्रदेश के सैंकड़ों जो बुनकर थे या तो उन्होंने खुदकशी कर ली, आत्महत्या कर ली भूख के कारण या फिर उन्होंने इस रोजगार को छोड़ दिया । अभी मंत्री जी ने उत्तर यह दिया है कि वर्ष 1993–94 को इस योजना को राज्यक्षेत्र में हस्तांतरित कर दिया जाएगा । मान्यवर, मेरी आपत्ति एक तो यह है कि मेरा प्रश्न था कि क्या वित्तीय सहायता देते हैं, माननीय मंत्री जी ने उत्तर यह दिया कि हम कर्जा देते हैं ।

My question was about financial assistance and the Minister replied about the loan. Sir, the loan is refundable with interest. So he has not replied to my question. Anyway, I would like to know why this sector has been transferred to the State Government.

श्री जी० वेंकटस्वामी : सभापति जी, यह एक सौ के ऊपर जो आइटम हैं, गवर्नमेंट आफ इंडिया ने, प्लानिंग कमीशन ने स्टेट के लिए ट्रांसफर किए हैं और उसमें यह भी आया है । तो यह जो है, बहुत ही अच्छा है क्योंकि हमारे पास स्कीम, प्रपोजल, स्टेट गवर्नमेंट ने नहीं भेजे, अगर स्टेट गवर्नमेंट प्रपोजल भेजते तो यह स्कीम पूरी तरह इम्पलीमेंट हो जाती । तो इम्पलीमेंट होने की शक्ल में नहीं है, इसलिए बेहतर यही है कि स्टेट गवर्नमेंट इसको हाथ में ले और डवलपमेंट हो ।

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SABHAJIRAO SHINDE: Sir, the next question is very important and the whole country wants to know the Government's policy about it.

SHRI PRA GADA KOTAIAH: How many State-level handloom and powerloom combined corporations are there in the country? I would also like to know whether it is the policy of the Government to encourage and assist the powerloom corporations for setting up pre-loom and post-loom processing units.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The Question Hour is over.

Written Answers to Questions

Demand for conclusion of Uruguay Round of Talks by GATT Member countries

*264. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of GATT member countries, particularly the Latin American countries have underscored the need for going ahead with the draft final act (DFA) to conclude the Uruguay Round of Talks on the basis of the Dunkel draft; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to this demand?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Uruguay Round Negotiations have not yet reached the final phase. Government is seeking charges in certain areas of the Dunkel Text to safeguard our interests.

Anti-dumping restrictions imposed by USA

*265 SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US Government has imposed anti-dumping restriction on the import of certain Indian goods, including stainless steel items, after President Clinton has taken over his new office as US President;

(b) if so, what are the Indian goods on which such import restrictions have been imposed by US Government at the end of January, 1993; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Indian products subject to anti-dumping duties in the U.S. at present are:

(i) Steel pipes and tubes since 12th May, 1986.

(ii) Sulfanilic acid since 15th October, 1992.

(iii) Sulphur dyes since 19th October, 1992.

Anti-dumping investigations have also been initiated very recently on imports of stainless steel flange from India and Taiwan, and steel wire rods from India, Brazil and France.

Anti-dumping actions are directed at the export pricing practices of individual companies. When anti-dumping actions are taken by governments of importing countries, they have to be carried out in accordance with the multilaterally agreed disciplines on the subject incorporated in the Anti-dumping Code of GATT.

Trade Agreements with Russia

*266. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any trade agreements was signed with Russia, during the recent visit of the Russian President Boris Yetsin;

(b) if so, the terms thereof; and

(c) what is the estimated balance of trade, indicating imports from and exports to Russia, during 1992-93, so far and the contemplated volume of trade, both ways, during the ensuing year?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No Sir. A framework bilateral trade agreement with Russia valid for a period of five years